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SUBJECT: STUDENT UNREST IN NATAL

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1. RIPPLES OF SOWETO VIOLENCE NOTED IN REFTTEL HAVE ALSO BEEN FELT IN NATAL WITH ISOLATED INSTANCES OF STUDENT UNREST OCCURRING AT FOUR AFRICAN SCHOOLS. AT AMANZIMTOTI, ON NATAL'S SOUTH COAST, STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO BURN DOWN A MALES' DORMITORY JULY 20; FIRE STARTED IN A PILE OF MATTRESSES, WAS EXTINGUISHED AFTER DOING ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. TWO TEENAGED STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE. AT TUGELA FERRY JULY 24, STUDENTS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN BURNING THE AREA HIGH SCHOOL'S SINGLE DORMITORY. ONE STUDENT WAS ARRESTED AFTER THE FIRE AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATE POLICE ARE EXPECTING TO MAKE FURTHER ARRESTS. TWO ADDITIONAL INSTANCES OF UNREST OCCURRED IN NORTHERN NATAL AT VRYHEID AND LADYSMITH. AT VRYHEID AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOL THE LIBRARY WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE, CAUSING SIX THOUSAND RANDS DAMAGE, JULY 27. FINALLY, AT LADYSMITH APPROXIMATELY UNCLASSIFIED

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200 STUDENTS ASSAULTED SENIOR STUDENTS AND BROKE WINDOWS

AT A HIGH SCHOOL JULY 19.

2. IN ALL FOUR CASES SCHOOL AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THEY HAD
NO PRIOR INDICATION OF EXTENT OF STUDENT UNREST. SINCE IN-
CIDENTS, ALL FOUR SCHOOLS HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL OPERATION.
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